

WILDFIRE HAZARD - DISTRICT 4

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COUNTY	MITIGATION PROJECT	PRIORITY
Carter	Maintain and improve access to public and private forest lands.	M
Carter	Implement the Carter County Fire Mitigation Plan.	M
Carter	Provide education on defensible space to those living within forested areas.	M
Dawson	Assign an individual or task force to look for funding opportunities for these needs.	M
Dawson	Look for funding sources for training.	M
Dawson	In high fire danger years, especially during the hunting season, develop a fire danger awareness poster directed at sportsmen that will be placed in motels, restaurants, sporting goods stores, bars and service stations.	M
Dawson	Train new leadership to meet the identified needs. Determine best method to get training accomplished and implemented.	H
Dawson	Work with existing firefighters to find out what their training needs are and what specific interest they have.	M
Dawson	Look for funding opportunities to provide wildland firefighting equipment for the City of Glendive Fire Dept.	M

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Dawson	Have Fire departments identify private, state and federal properties at risk.	M
Dawson	Plan and install fire breaks around farmstead/ranch improvements and crops. Utilize the local Farm Services Agency personnel to assist in getting this information out to landowners at risk.	H
Dawson	Develop a demonstration project with a farmer or rancher and promote the defensible space with nearby CRP lands by on-site visits.	H
Dawson	Raise the awareness of residents building new homes to consider defensible space, fire resistant building materials and emergency vehicle access to their property.	M
Dawson	Request that the BLM and DNRC plan and implement fuels reduction projects in key locations, especially near Wildland Urban Interface boundaries.	M
Dawson	Place fire danger sign in key road locations to alert locals and non-locals of the fire danger. Suggest one sign to be placed in front of the West Glendive Fire Dept. and one in front of the Richey Fire Dept.	M
Dawson	Fire departments apply for funding of these identified needed new or improved water sources.	M
Dawson	Identify areas of specialized training, such as fighting fire in the oil fields.	H

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Dawson	The Fire Department sponsor a Defensible Space exhibit at the County Fair.	M
Dawson	Identify areas where there are fire equipment access issues that can be worked on to improve effectiveness of fire responses.	M
Dawson	Convene fire department personnel with other county personnel such as the road crew, local farmers/ranchers and the DES Coordinator to identify and improve existing water sources and establish new key locations for water sources.	M
Dawson	Recruit new firefighters as needs determine.	H
Dawson	Ask Farm Services Agency to share information with CRP landowners about new changes (2002) in CRP rules for fire protection.	M
Dawson	Fire department leadership will determine their current and future needs for firefighters and leadership positions.	H
Dawson	Have firefighters identify areas in the county that need to have new or improved reliable water sources.	M
Dawson	Utilize the "Living with Fire, A Guide for the Homeowner", a Northern Rockies Fire Prevention Team publication to assist property owners at risk. Fire Dept. personnel will identify and work with these property owners.	M

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Dawson	Work with the county roads department to identify and improve poor road access into critical areas.	M
Fallon	Obtain handheld GPS units for departments' vehicles.	H
Fallon	Obtain navigation systems for each ambulance to ensure shortest response time.	H
Fallon	Work closely with the oil companies to train and equip individuals in the specialized area of response to hydrocarbon incidents.	H
Fallon	Contact oil companies with pipelines under Baker Lake to develop training and/or a response plan in the event a pipeline ruptures under the water.	H
Fallon	Maintain currency and skills in fighting timber fires by working with adjacent counties on mutual aid calls and with the DNRC to create opportunities for the Fallon County fire fighters to receive assignments to other fires outside the county.	H
Fallon	Establish an all-hazards training facility to train on oil/gas fires, wildfires, structure fires, vehicle fires, hazmat fires and spills, and rescues. Obtain assistance from oil companies to equip and build the facility.	M
Fallon	In addition to basic wildfire fire fighting courses, host a course in cooperation with oil producers on responding to hydrocarbon incidents.	H

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Fallon	Switch all equipment to DNRC standards.	M
Fallon	Develop GIS capability and fire/fuel map layers.	M
Fallon	Improve SCBA discipline and training for firefighters.	H
Fallon	Proceed with installation of dry hydrants in previously-identified locations.	H
Fallon	Provide an opportunity to recharge fire extinguishers and combine this with education on requirements for farm equipment and other vehicles.	M
Fallon	Retrieve and analyze data at the end of each fire season.	M
Fallon	Request on-site training in use of NFIRS.	H
Fallon	Place fire danger signs in Plevna and Baker.	M
Fallon	Select final location for the Baker Fire Department and construct new facility.	M
Fallon	Assign incident reporting to one individual in each department.	M
Fallon	Continue to maintain water resources in remote locations.	M

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Fallon	Purchase and install in-ground water storage tanks countywide. Cover areas without an option for dry hydrants.	H
Fallon	Develop community and county recognition programs for length of service and special acts.	L
Fallon	Equip wildland fire apparatus with wildland monitor guns.	M
Fallon	Develop an annual recruitment plan for each department that includes some or all of the following: coverage in the local media, handout materials, tours, visits to schools and mentoring.	H
Fallon	Complete a demonstration project to create defensible space between CRP land and/or timber and a rural residence. Conduct a tour of the project in cooperation with the Fallon County Conservation District following completion.	M
Fallon	Implement E-911 reverse call-up function. Raise public awareness about this capability.	H
Garfield	Create and maintain fuel breaks in wildfire hazard areas, particularly around homes and communities.	M
Garfield	Purchase portable reservoirs that can be taken to the wildfires.	H

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Garfield	Encourage and provide funding for homeowners to create defensible space from wildfires around homes and outbuildings using FireWise principles.	M
McCone	Provide information to CRP landowners to reduce risk to buildings.	H
McCone	Look into getting some training for fighting fire started by methamphetamine labs.	H
McCone	Encourage BLM/DNRC to plan and implement fuels reduction projects.	M
McCone	Sponsor fire preparedness booth at county fair.	H
McCone	In high fire danger years prepare a poster for hunting season aimed at sportsmen.	H
McCone	Continue training opportunities for firefighters.	H
McCone	Place fire danger sign in Circle.	H
McCone	Utilize "Living with Fire" publication.	M
McCone	Publicize the Fire Department's willingness to come to property to give advice on fire danger reduction.	L

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Powder River	Coordinate with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, local and area businesses, and schools on wildfire prevention and education opportunities.	H
Powder River	Encourage and provide funding for homeowners to create defensible space from wildfires around their homes and outbuildings using Firewise principles.	M
Prairie	Continue training opportunities for fire fighters.	H
Prairie	In high danger fire years in the hunting season, develop a poster aimed at sportsmen to put in motels, restaurants, bars, sporting good stores, etc.	L
Prairie	Encourage firebreaks around CRP fields and other high fuel areas, such as timber, to protect farmsteads. Re-establish firebreaks on state and federal lands.	M
Prairie	Look into providing training on meth lab ignited fires.	H
Prairie	Increase number of persons trained and qualified as Type 3 and Type 4 Incident Commanders in the county.	H
Prairie	Utilize the "Living with Fire, A Guide for the Homeowner", a Northern Rockies Fire Prevention Team publication to assist property owners at risk. Fire department personnel to identify and work with these property owners.	L

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Prairie	Public education campaigns (possibly sponsored by local major businesses).	L
Prairie	Establish needed water sources in key areas.	H
Prairie	Request that the BLM/DNRC plan and implement strategic fuels reduction projects, especially near Wildland Urban Interface boundaries and continue the ongoing project in the Cedar Creek area.	M
Prairie	Establish Standard Operating Procedures that facilitate the efficient dispatch of trucks and equipment to fires.	H
Prairie	Provide information (via FSA and others) to CRP landowners on projects to reduce risk of fire to improvements and buildings.	M
Prairie	Develop a county burn permit policy.	NA
Prairie	Develop a demonstration project.	M
Prairie	Expand information about the need to recruit additional firefighters.	H
Prairie	Place fire danger indicator signs at entrances to county along major highways.	L
Richland	Place fire danger indicator signs along major highways (in areas with more traffic, like near towns).	M

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Richland	In high danger fire years in the hunting season, develop a poster aimed at sportsmen that can be put in motels, restaurants, bars, sporting good stores, schools, etc.	M
Richland	Place firebreaks around CRP fields and residential yard areas to protect farmsteads.	H
Richland	Develop a demonstration project for CRP.	M
Richland	Public education campaigns.	M
Richland	Increase number of persons trained and qualified as Type 3 and Type 4 Incident Commanders in Richland County.	H
Richland	Continue training opportunities for firefighters.	H
Richland	Work with the BLM/DNRC to plan and implement strategic fuels reduction projects, especially near Wildland Urban Interface boundaries.	M
Richland	Utilize the "Living with Fire, A Guide for the Homeowner", a Northern Rockies Fire Prevention Team publication to assist property owners at risk.	M
Richland	Public education campaigns.	M

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Richland	Provide information (via FSA and others) to CRP landowners on projects to reduce risk of fire to improvements and buildings.	M
Wibaux	Fire Department sponsor a booth at the County Fair to talk about defensible space for landowners.	M
Wibaux	Initiate a campaign to have fire extinguishers installed on agricultural equipment such as balers and combines.	M
Wibaux	Share information with landowners contained in "Living with Fire, A Guide for the Homeowner" Northern Rockies Coordinating Group publication.	M
Wibaux	Have the Fire Department publicize their willingness for firefighters to come to a farm, ranch, business, home and offer suggested methods of reducing fire danger around their properties.	H
Wibaux	Work with the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to have information posted at Block Management sign-up locations.	M
Wibaux	Develop information (such as posters, flyers, placemats, and other) aimed at sportsmen to put in motels, restaurants, bars, etc.	L
Wibaux	Place a fire danger rating sign in the town of Wibaux.	M
Wibaux	Look at opportunities to do fuels reduction projects and continue the work on the projects in the Cedar Creek area.	M

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Wibaux	FSA make available current guidelines and examples that reduce risk of fire to improvements and buildings.	H
Wibaux	Look at opportunities to place fire equipment in other strategic locations within the county.	M
Wibaux	Coordinate with oil field production companies to see if placing fire equipment near the oil fields in the Pine Unit would improve response times.	M
Wibaux	Conduct a training session for firefighters on the hazards of dealing with methamphetamine started fires.	H